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- Thank you for having me here today to speak with you.
- I welcome the opportunity to speak with you about the ongoing demonstrations, as I always remain accountable to the Ottawa Police Services Board.
- As I'm sure you can imagine, this is a very difficult time. Since this morning we have had a significant influx of trucks/vehicles (1000+), demonstrators (5000+) as well counter demonstrators (300+) to the downtown core.
- Every available Ottawa Police Service member is currently on active duty, [#] in addition to those provided by our policing partners.
- This is part of the 3 pronged strategy to accelerate the end to the demonstrations. This includes [see speech]
- We have seen the installation of hundreds of barriers, hardening the downtown core, additional arrests and tickets.
- We've also sporadically closed off all 417 off ramps in the downtown area to restrict access for more than 12 additional convoys that have attempted to enter the city.
- Ottawa residents are frustrated and angry. And they have every right to be. Their lives and our city is being severely impacted by unlawful acts in our streets.

- The Ottawa Police Service, our policing partners are doing everything in their power. [PAUSE] I am doing everything in my power. To keep the peace and keep our residents safe.
- This is an unprecedented situation, but we have learned from our experience and our mistakes, and are committed to doing better. We are doing much, much more.
 - We have deployed all available police officers, and as you know have just sworn in 60 additional RCMP officers.
 - We have erected hundreds of concrete and heavy equipment barriers.
 - And we are actively collecting evidence to investigate all unlawful behaviour that occurs on our streets.
- We recognize that there is unlawful activity – such as the building of structures – that is ongoing as we speak. We are addressing these issues as swiftly and safely as possible.
- Earlier this week I stated that there may not be a policing solution to this issue. But policing is certainly part of the solution.
- However, being part of that solution has put incredible strains on our resources and our officers. We are simply dealing with too many demonstrators – too dangerous of a demonstration – to manage this alone.
- While we have had support from our policing partners, including the OPP, RCMP, and other police services – the fact of the matter is that we need more help and support from our friends and partners who have a vested interest in the safety of our city and our residents.

- Madame Chair, Members of the Board, we need your support in ensuring this gets done. I am requesting that you immediately:
 - [Call for more RCMP]
 - [Call for OPP]
 - [Call for money]
- I also want to speak about the structure installed in Confederation Park by the unlawful demonstrators. This is entirely unacceptable, and a blatant disrespect for our city and our residents.
- As you know, this is NCC Land, and we have been working with them to execute operations that will swiftly remove the structure and hold those responsible to account.
- I would welcome the opportunity to brief you in detail on this operation and others, but am prohibited by law from doing so in public – as it could compromise the operation and as a result, public safety.
- With that in mind, I would request that the Chair move a motion for this meeting to be placed “IN CAMERA”, so that I may ensure the Board is appropriately briefed, and has a fulsome understanding of the fact that the Ottawa Police continues to ensure every unlawful act, is swiftly pursued, and punished to the fullest extent possible.
- Madame Chair?

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